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Proposed changes would increase required hours

Students would need 51 general education credits, 128 total

By Chris Christian
Staff Writer

Findings from a general education committee have been released, and a series of proposed changes are now awaiting approval.

"We have made two major steps," said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs and chairman of the committee. "But we will still need the confirmation of the Faculty Senate and the Board of Regents."

The two steps include an intensive effort to establish "writing across the curriculum," and an entirely new section of general education—"internationalizing" the curriculum.

The number of general education hours would increase from 46 to 51, and a student would now have to have 128 hours to graduate instead of 124.

Heads have mixed views

Too many required hours is Prentice's opposition

Department heads have mixed reactions concerning the proposed changes in the College's general education requirements.

Dr. Larry Martin, head of the mathematics department, believes the changes will enhance the College.

"We had a strong program before these changes were proposed," he said. "These proposed changes might make us a little stronger. The emphasis placed on writing will be good."

Dr. Ronnie Prentice, head of the biology department, believes the proposed changes may be too restrictive.

"As far as biology majors are concerned, an increase of the number of hours in general education is going to make it very snug for our majors," said Prentice. "It could allow less opportunity for elective classes. I would prefer more opportunities for electives."

"However, I do think that the addition of the international culture requirements is necessary."

Although he would not comment on specifics, Don Seneker, head of the criminal justice program, agrees with the concept of changes but does have some concerns.

"I can support the proposed changes," Seneker said. "I have some mixed agreements in certain areas. Everybody has their personal preferences, and I have mine."

Richard Massa, head of the communications department, believes the proposed changes are a positive move.

"The proposal represents a small step forward in recognizing the importance of international studies for today's students," said Massa. "But it is only a small step."

Massa says students must be a part of the change for general education to be a success.

"We still must have, however, interest and desire on the part of the students and a desire to go beyond the minimal requirements and understand that general education is indeed the heart and soul of education," he said.

"What it shows is a continued emphasis on general education in the curriculum," said Dr. Michael Yates, a faculty representative on the committee. "We have re-committed the emphasis on the broad-based general education and looked at the underlying rationale that students of Missouri Southern need a broad-based liberal arts background."

Belk says each department was considered in making general education selections.

"We have chosen what we feel are the most important courses and areas for students to pick out," he said. "This is not just a general education program, it is an integrated package."

The committee listed the following changes it felt should be made to the College's current general education program.

Under Area 1 (basic requirements) in the general catalog, all English composi-

tion courses (section A) will appear with a "W" after the course number to indicate they are writing intensive.

In section B, Oral Communication will now be the only course that applies as a general education course.

"In the past, other courses (Voice and Articulation and Business and Professional Speech) have been listed," said Belk. "The committee felt these classes weren't as important."

Section C, the mathematics requirement, will remain unchanged.

Under section D (physical education), the current health class and activity lecture will be combined into a two-hour class called Lifetime Wellness. Students also will be required to take a one-hour activities course.

Delores Honey, assistant to Belk, said the entire committee was excited about

the two-hour combined course.

"The course is designed to enhance one's skills in being a healthier person and living a better life," she said. "It will bring more updated and pertinent information to students."

In Area 2 (humanities and fine arts), the structure was changed to make students take one course from each of three sections.

Section A will include Art, Music, or Theatre Appreciation.

Said Yates, "Recent statistics have shown that 20 percent of our students are graduating without taking a fine arts course."

Under section B, a student will select World or English Masterpieces, or American Literature.

"It was our emphasis under this section to see that students learn more international culture and be exposed to a broad background of classical literature," said Belk.

In section C, students may select Introduction to Literature, The Short Story, Introduction to Philosophy, or one other course from the previous two sections.

Foreign languages were deleted from this section and moved to Area 4.

Area 3 (natural and behavioral sciences) was primarily left intact, but some minor changes were made. In section A, biology will remain the course requirement for all students with the exception that students enrolled in the environmental health program will be allowed to take Man and Environment.

Fundamentals of Physical Science will remain the required course under section B. However, physical science will be emphasized less, with chemistry, geology, and astronomy emphasized more.

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SMSU bill could affect Southern

By Mark Ernstmann
Editor-in-Chief

While several bills pertaining to a name change for Southwest Missouri State University are already being batted around by the Missouri Legislature, another is causing considerable concern.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. John Schneider (D-Florissant), calls for, in addition to a name change, SMSU to become a statewide institution of higher learning. As a result, the other four regional universities would lose their graduate programs in specific areas. Those universities are Southeast Missouri State University, Northeast Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Central Missouri State University.

According to Schneider, the proposed deletion of the programs was due to an error in drafting the bill. He said it would be corrected.

Even though Schneider said the bill was misworded, administrators of the other four regional universities and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education expressed concern.

According to Dr. Shaila Aery, Missouri's commissioner for higher education, the officials were "not real happy" when they learned of the implications. Aery, too, opposed the elimination of the programs.

Ron Phipps, associate commissioner, said if SMSU becomes that statewide institution, it could increase its offering in graduate programs. Thus, the elimination of the other institution's programs would occur.

"The CBHE has been diligent in trying to reduce duplication of programs in the state," he said. "Duplication means the taxpayer's money is being wasted."

According to Phipps, if a particular program is needed, one school or another would offer it, but not both.

According to Southern President Julio Leon, the name change, as well as SMSU becoming a statewide institution, will affect Southern in the minds of the public.

"There is already a hierarchy in the minds of the public," he said. "There is the University of Missouri system, then the regional universities, and finally the state colleges."

"Now, if SMSU is made a statewide university, an extra layer will be added to that hierarchy. That will push Missouri Southern further down the ladder in the minds of the public."

Leon said it is already difficult to convince people that a college is as good as a university, and equally as hard to tell them Southern is already as good or better than SMSU in many areas.

Regarding the name change, Leon said he is keeping a "close eye on the bills."

"I kind of hope they (SMSU) get a name change," he said. "But of course I am concerned with the effect it will have on us." One of those effects may concern Southern in the area of funding. Backers of the name-change bills say they could possibly increase resources for all colleges and universities in Missouri.

The thought is: another major college in the state would make higher education more prestigious. More prestige could possibly bring more dollars for all of higher education.

Said Leon, "If it happens, it will be the result of a political decision, not of whether the school is deserving or not."



A chat with the Governor

Gov. John Ashcroft (seated) speaks with members of the Student Senate and the Joplin Chamber of Commerce in his office this week. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Students represent College at State Capitol

By Steve Moore
Staff Writer

In an effort to promote the College, members of the Student Senate were in Jefferson City Monday and Tuesday to meet with state officials.

While at the Capitol, members of the Senate attended meetings of the state legislature, met with members of the House and Senate, and hosted a luncheon in cooperation with the Joplin Chamber of Commerce.

According to Terri Honeyball, Student Senate president, 15 members of the Student Senate, as well as Doug Carnahan, adviser, were in attendance.

"I thought it was a really productive trip," said Carnahan. "We know from the feedback we get from the Missouri legislature that it is indeed worthwhile."

"If we can influence the legislature to give money to our college, it's going to

benefit everyone. It helps Missouri Southern deal with its identity problem."

According to Carnahan, the trip was also good in that it promoted "cooperation between MSSC and the Chamber of Commerce" which he thought impressed the legislators.

The luncheon was attended by more than 400 people, including Gov. John Ashcroft.

"From the Chamber of Commerce's point of view, the purpose for going up there was to make sure we have a presence there," said Blake Schreck, executive vice president of the Chamber. "It was good public relations for us."

Honeyball said 61 Chamber members attended, which gave the students a chance to interact with local businessmen.

"They [the Chamber members] don't have a lot of student contact unless they are real active in campus organizations," said Honeyball. "I think a lot of the

students had a really good time just talking to the Chamber of Commerce."

Honeyball said the Student Senate's mission was similar to the Chamber's.

"I think it's a great way to represent Missouri Southern," she said. "We want to keep the legislators remembering Southern. We go there as students and we're representing the human side of Southern."

According to College President Julio Leon, the annual trip has always provided a "good opportunity for representatives and senators to exchange views with our students."

"The students do present a good image," he said. "You could never put a dollar amount on it."

He said when dealing within the political arena, it is always important for the legislators to have a "mental image of your institution."

"It always helps to see more than the president's face."



Webster's office

Sen. Richard Webster (R-Carthage) visits with Student Senators Mike Daugherty and Jeff Morrissey in his office at the State Capitol this week. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

K57DR to carry Cardinals games

Broadcasts will give station 'immediate identity'

St. Louis Cardinals baseball fans in Joplin will now be able to follow their team this season by watching K57DR.

K57DR, the UHF-band television station at Missouri Southern, will broadcast 58 Cardinals games this year beginning with two exhibition games and the season opener on April 8. The remaining 55 games will all be away games.

According to Richard Massa, executive manager of K57DR, the College began by making inquiries as to what was available.

"We looked at the possibilities of carrying the Kansas City Royals," said Massa, "but KSNF-TV already has a commitment with them."

Massa said no one had committed to the Cardinals, so K57DR agreed to carry all 58 games made available.

The broadcasts will be carried on K57DR only. They will not be cablecast on MSTV, cable channel 18.

"Carrying the Cardinals will give K57DR immediate identity in the community," said Massa. "Only in having an identity will the channel be able to serve

its ultimate purpose."

That ultimate purpose, according to Massa, is part of a long-range plan for the development of a complete telecommunications plan providing for education and keeping with the College's mission.

No commercial profits will be realized from this endeavor, but 18 minutes of air time will be provided to Southern each game.

"The time is for us," said Massa. "That time is not for sale. We will not make any money for carrying these games."

According to Judy Stiles, community services director for the channel, baseball fans will not be the only ones benefitting from the broadcasts.

"This will give students good experience in switching and working with a network," she said. "These are the type of things they will need to know when they get out of school and look for a job."

The first game is scheduled for noon Saturday, March 19 against Toronto. Prior to the season opener, a half-hour special honoring the Cardinals for their 1987 National League Championship will air.

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Section C will take General Psychology and Sociology, currently included in the behavioral and social sciences area, and include it under Area 3.

"It is very important for students to have a class describing behavioral activities from the group perspective or in terms of understanding the individual," Yates said.

The major change in Area 4 (American cultural studies) comes with an additional history requirement. Students currently choose between U.S. History 1492-1877 and U.S. History 1877-Present. A new upper-division history class (U.S. History 1877-Present—a more in-depth study than the 100-level course of the same name) has been added, and students can choose it or Government: U.S.

"It is simply not appropriate," said Belk, "for a student to study half of American history."

Honey said this will give students a full perspective of history and its impacts.

"Can you imagine a college graduate trying to discuss the Civil War and not knowing the background and the time frame when it occurred," she said.

New in the general education package is the proposal of a fifth area concerning international cultural studies.

The international section will include a choice of one of the following courses: Western Civilization, Regions and Nations, Introduction to Anthropology, International Business, Comparative Cultures, or Intercultural Communication. A student could choose a foreign language instead, but would have to take at least two courses in the same language.

A writing competency requirement also would be implemented. In addition to the six hours of composition required in the

freshman year, all students must successfully complete three classes designated as writing intensive. These courses will be labeled "W." Each department will guide its majors into approved courses.

The final change proposed by the committee calls for the creation of a general education oversight committee. The duties of the committee will be to collect, review, and recommend all course changes in the general education program to the academic policies committee, and to annually review the performance of the general education program.

Possible problems are anticipated for some students under the new proposal.

"Students entering majors that have a high requirement of hours or students that change majors will encounter some problems," said Yates. "But they will not be insurmountable."

Yates believes there will be a premium placed between the student and the advisor. He said it will be much more important for "joint planning."

To meet new requirements, additional faculty members would be needed. This means a monetary cost to the package. However, Belk believes this will not be a problem.

"The President has met with the committee on two occasions and asked us to provide the strongest academic program possible," said Belk. "He has said he will take responsibility to make the needed changes."

The proposal is expected to go before the Faculty Senate Monday. If approved, it will then move to the Board of Regents.

Said College President Julio Leon, "If the proposal is accepted, our program will be substantially improved. It will make us better. It will make our students better."



Fertilizes Al Wood, campus gardener, fertilizes a tree on campus.

Dole plans Joplin visit

Making his 36th appearance in Missouri since his campaign began, Sen. Bob Dole will be in Joplin Saturday.

Dole will visit the Northpark Mall for one hour, starting at 3:15 p.m. He will be stationed in the J.C. Penney courtyard.

"It will be a pep rally, and he will speak to the crowd at the mall," said "Miff" Dikeman, Jasper County coordinator for the Dole campaign. "He will also answer some questions from the press."

"He will be arriving by plane with the usual press corp," she said. "From there, he will go immediately to Northpark Mall by motorcade."

Security arrangements are being made with the Joplin police department and Northpark Mall, said Dikeman, who expects a "very large crowd" for Dole's visit.

"I promised the office I would get a thousand people," she said. "I think we will have many more than that."

"I would say this is a bigger deal than the George Bush visit (on Feb. 18). We are hoping Dole has more support from the adult population of Joplin. There were only about 250 adults, other than Missouri Southern students, at the Bush rally."

Dole has placed some emphasis on the March 8 Missouri primary, Dikeman said. "Missouri has been important to the Doles," she said. "Last week, he was in Springfield and St. Louis."

"This new process of Super Tuesday has been very draining on the candidates," she added.

Dikeman, who was informed of Dole's Joplin plans yesterday morning, said she has been working out many of the details.

"I have a lot of phone calls to make," she said. "I still have to make more. I have people in Carthage and Joplin making calls for me."

"He has some great support in the Joplin area."

Society offers applications

Recognizing outstanding scholastic achievement is the purpose of Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international honor society.

In order to obtain membership in the society, students must be a junior or senior, have at least a 3.0 overall grade-point average, and have obtained at least nine credit hours of economics, with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Current enrollment in an economics course may be included.

Applicable economics courses are Principles of Macro Economics, Principles of Micro Economics, Financial Management, Economic Growth and Development, Money and Banking, American

Economic System, Urban and Regional Economics, Business Statistics I and II, Macroeconomic Analysis, Microeconomic Analysis, Economic Resources, Investments, and any economic seminar.

Life-time membership fees are \$30, with an annual dinner banquet scheduled for early November. This allows a chance for old and new members to get acquainted.

For more information or for membership applications, persons may contact Dr. J.S. Jaswal, Dr. Charles Leitle, or Gerry McCormick in Matthews Hall. The society stresses that applications should be returned by Friday, March 11.

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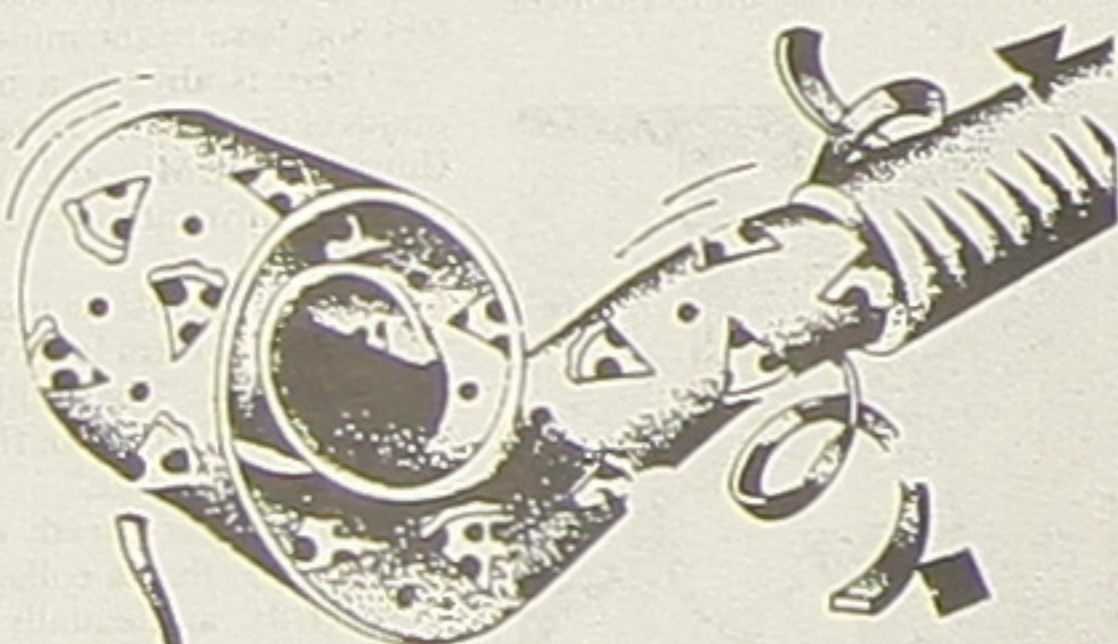
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Prepare for competition Students from Cassville High School, on campus last Friday for "Readership Day" activities, warm up on the main parking lot.

Department is seeking two faculty members

By John Ford
Assistant Editor

With the expiration of two faculty contracts, the mathematics department is seeking replacement instructors.

"We are seeking people with doctorate degrees and a breadth of knowledge of mathematics," said Dr. Larry Martin, department head. "When we hire someone, we'd like for them to be able to teach anything we offer."

This includes all mathematics courses, from beginning algebra to calculus.

"Two-thirds to three-fourths of the teaching will be at a pre-calculus level," Martin said. "We have to find someone who likes to teach."

Martin believes one reason the College

has difficulty in attracting those who hold a Ph.D. in mathematics is because it does not offer a graduate program.

"We don't get turned down often," he said, "but when we do, it's because we do not have a graduate school."

The department is interested mainly in those applicants who have a doctorate.

"It's not the doctorate degree; it's the experience the doctorate represents," Martin said.

While the department is looking for instructors with some teaching experience, it will consider someone who has just completed graduate studies.

"Fresh out of graduate school would be fine," said Martin. "But we would prefer some teaching experience, such as a teaching assistant in graduate school. Applicants don't have to have a lot of full-time

experience, but they must have evidence they will be an excellent teacher."

Martin cites a multitude of reasons a person with a doctorate degree may be interested in the College. These include the low cost of living in Joplin and the area's recreational opportunities.

"One other advantage might be the higher percentage of math majors we have here than at other schools," he said.

Martin also believes Southern has a good faculty, which would be another feature to entice a Ph.D. to the campus.

Fred Bertsch and Marcella Winn are the two faculty members who will be replaced because their contracts expired and were not renewed. When first hired by the College, it was understood they were temporary instructors, hired until instructors with doctorate degrees could be found.

Bertsch's one-year contract was renewed three times, giving him a total of four years at Southern. Winn's contract was renewed once, giving her two years in the department.

Bertsch's plans for the future include continuing the operation of the Neosho Adult Care Facility, which he operates with his wife, Dorothy.

"The math department has a departmental policy in which they don't want to keep people with a master's degree more than three years," said Bertsch. "I was kind of the exception to that rule, being here four years. They want all new hires to have Ph.D's."

The department currently has 11 full-time faculty, with four of those on a temporary basis. This includes the two positions to be vacated by Winn and Bertsch.

Program to be held fourth time

Southern's Plus offers summer enrichment

By Julie Spradling
Staff Writer

"Southern's Plus," a summer enrichment program, will be offered for the fourth year June 13-30 at the College.

Classes will meet Monday through Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Classes will be scattered throughout the campus.

Students who have finished the fourth grade through the eighth grade may participate in "Southern's Plus."

There are courses in every subject, with each child selecting two classes. Students may enroll through May 1. The cost is \$110.

Pamphlets have been distributed to all schools in and around the Joplin area.

Each class must have at least 10 students enrolled. The faculty members try to limit the class size to no more than 20.

"We don't want them much bigger than 20 because it takes away from the personal closeness," said Erin Ray, director and originator of "Southern's Plus."

"Southern's Plus" has had as many as 167 students enrolled. There is anticipation for more students this summer because publicity has been better than in the past.

Advertisements have been placed on television and in local newspapers. Pamphlets were distributed over a 100-mile radius.

Many College instructors will teach courses. Some local school teachers from surrounding areas also are involved.

"The program is designed for any student who wants to learn in an exciting way," said Ray.

The classes of "Southern's Plus" in no way resemble the traditional classroom, according to Ray. There is no homework, tests, or grades.

"The students come and learn what they want to learn," she said.

Ray believes students learn through activities and by doing.

"The parents are also very positive about the program," she said. "They have said nothing but good things."

Freshman honor society to induct new members

Rewarding academic excellence is the aim of Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society for freshmen holding its induction banquet tonight.

Phi Eta Sigma is for all full-time freshmen who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

"This honor society is separate from the honors program because once you are installed you are a member for life," said Dr. Earle Doman, Phi Eta Sigma faculty adviser.

There is a one-time induction fee of

\$20, of which \$8 goes to the national chapter and \$12 goes for local use.

"Trying to get students active in leadership roles is a personal goal that I have," said Doman. "We may give lectures to high school seniors and have some tutoring services as well."

Installation ceremonies are scheduled for 6 p.m. today on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center. A banquet will follow.

Dr. James Foy, grand secretary-treasurer of the national chapter, will present

Missouri Southern's charter to College President Julio Leon. Every member will receive a certificate of membership and a copy of the national magazine *The Forum*.

The officers were randomly selected from a group of about 40 people.

"I'm excited about Phi Eta Sigma because it's a great opportunity for me to get involved," said Paige Stansberry, secretary. "It's good for getting to know new personalities and other scholars."

The faculty adviser and three students

from the Southwest Missouri State University chapter also will attend the ceremonies and banquet.

There are biannual conventions of the national chapter. At these conventions stories for the *The Forum* are submitted by the students.

"Everyone is very excited along with having typical speech jitters," said Doman. "This will be a big affair."

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Women's tennis

Without even playing a dual match yet, it is apparent the women's tennis program is suffering.

In order to move up to NCAA Division II, Missouri Southern was required to add a women's tennis program. This provided students with an excellent opportunity. Yet there are only three players on the roster, bringing up two interesting questions.

First, why isn't there more interest in women's tennis, and second, just what did the College hope to accomplish by adding a women's tennis team?

The lack of interest in the women's tennis team is disappointing. Surely, out of an enrollment figure of 5,000, more than three women would be interested in playing organized tennis. This lack of interest could mean that establishing a tennis program was a questionable move.

It is clear that the College was solely interested in status considerations when it added women's tennis. With a very limited budget, it is apparent that Southern was looking for an easy road to the NCAA. The fact that Southern is willing to tolerate a program with just three participants shows the College's sacrifice of quality for prestige. With a move up to a much tougher athletic division coupled with a weak program, Southern might prove to be more of an embarrassment than anything else.

A good move

For those of us who are baseball fans, the recent decision to carry 58 St. Louis Cardinals games on K57DR is welcome news.

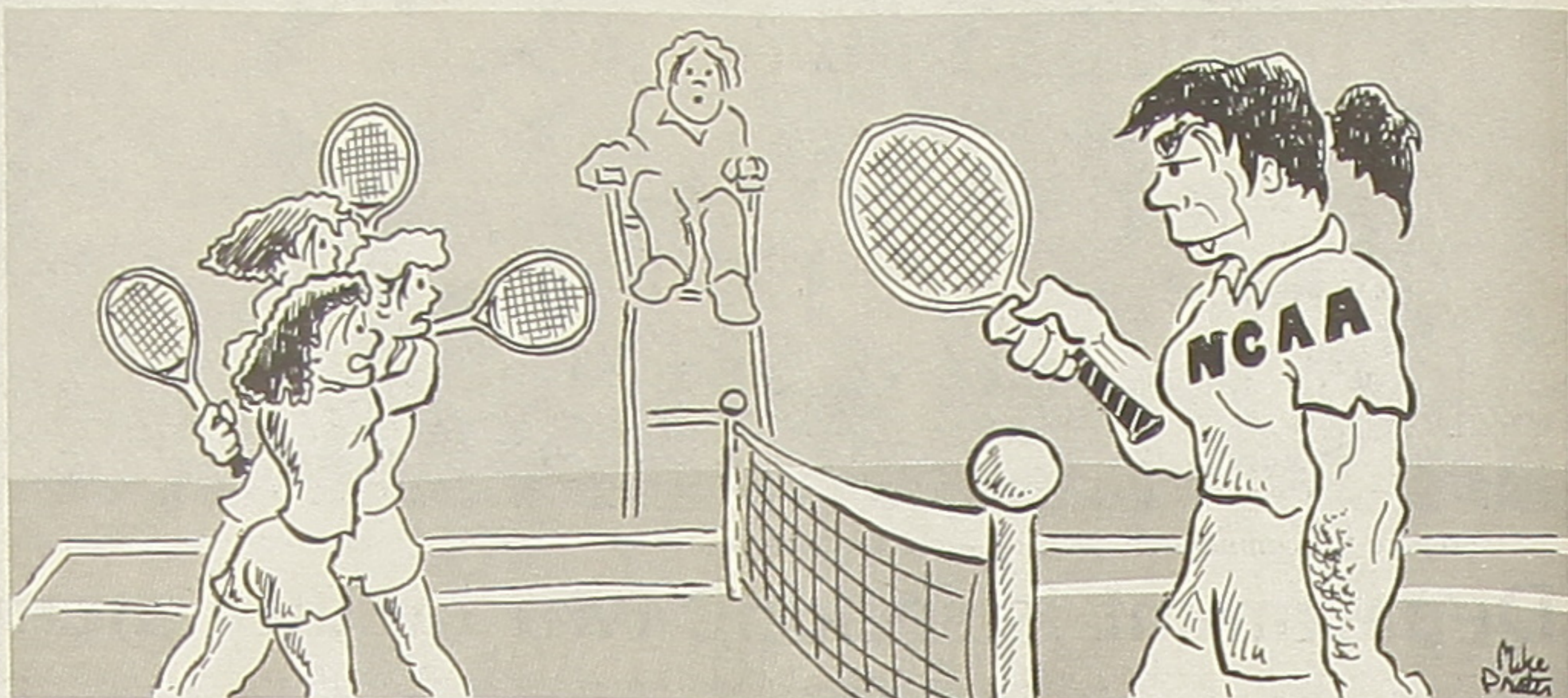
Not only will this decision benefit the baseball-hungry public, it also will benefit the College and the station.

By deciding to broadcast these games, K57DR is immediately establishing an identity for itself. In addition, the games will undoubtedly draw more viewers to the channel.

This can only prove worthwhile and beneficial for Southern. People tuning into the games will associate the Cardinals with K57DR. Perhaps it will even persuade them to tune in more often to check out the other programming available.

Another positive of the deal is the fact the College will receive 18 minutes each game for advertising. During these spots, Southern can spread its message and promote itself.

While Southern will not recognize any monetary profits, there are other profits to be realized. And for those reasons, the decision to carry the Cardinal telecasts is a good one, for Southern and for the baseball fans of the area.



My daughter wants to be a cheerleader

By Brenda Kilby
Arts Editor

If the question posed by Mark Mulik [Why Are So Many Things So Stupid, Feb. 4] "Just why would anyone want to be a cheerleader?" has kept you awake nights, just talk to my daughter. Desara Kilby, 10 years old, would be glad to tell you all about it.

It all started one dark, dreary night last October, when Desara came home from school with a note from the teacher.

"This says cheerleader tryouts are next week," I said with incredulity. "You'd better have a good explanation for this," I warned.

After 10 years of living with me, Desara is very good at dealing with the press. Realizing that she was talking to someone from Mars, she explained.



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"Mrs. Higgenbotham said we could all try to make the squad, and that she has the uniforms and everything," she said. "If we don't get to be a cheerleader, we can join the pep club and we still get to wear short skirts."

"And Mom," she said, realizing that I was turning pale, "It doesn't hurt—I promise."

Until that moment, I hadn't realized that in fourth grade one was expected to go through the agony of trying out for cheerleader. When I was Desara's age, way back in the "olden days," as she calls them, it was 1960. The Beatles were yet to invade the American culture, mini-skirts were unheard of, and cheerleaders were sequestered in junior high and high school, where they belonged.

For the next few days, my husband Larry and I were subjected to the sounds of war, while Desara put herself (and us) through the rigors of training.

"Ready, OK! P-PO-POWER—We Got Power,

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOH," she screamed, jumping up and down, slamming her hands together. The house shook, the nightly news was disrupted, and our nerves were shot.

The hardest part for us was the way she changed, overnight. Gone was the little tomboy with scrapes on her knees. In her place was a cute little nymphet, with surprisingly clean, bouncy, long honey-blond hair. This stranger was dressed to the nines every day for school, in clothes I had purchased months ago, but which until now had stayed at the bottom of the drawer. And another thing—the expression on her face was what we used to call, back in 1960, "perky."

Larry was livid.

"You'd better keep your eyes open and watch every step she takes," he whispered. "This is just the beginning," he said. "This is what you have to look forward to for the next nine years."

"That's not fair," I whispered back, as Desara went by us doing cartwheels and almost putting

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Generations must acquire tools of liberty

By Dr. Robert C. Brown
Dean, School of Business Administration

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

—Thomas Jefferson

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

—Edmund Burke

Recently we in America have celebrated the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution. We have recognized the remarkable nature of this document that has withstood the tests and trials to which our republic has been subjected. It has provided the framework which has allowed us to preserve liberty while adapting to the rapidly changing circumstances our forebearers could not have foreseen. Without doubt, this document represents the most outstanding political accomplishment of mankind on this planet.

The political legacy represented by the Con-



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stitution, however, has been only an enabling condition. Each successive generation of Americans has found it necessary to rise to the challenges of the day and to defend anew the concepts of liberty bequeathed to us by those who struggled through that long summer in Philadelphia so many years ago. And what was the equipment with which our political ancestors overcame these challenges? What tools have provided for the essential defenses of liberty, freedom, and the dignity of the individual? The answer most assuredly must be that wisdom, knowledge, good judgment, the ability to reason, and the capacity to communicate effectively formed the first line of defense for the freedom we now enjoy.

What, then, is the condition of our arsenal with which we are prepared to defend the blessings of liberty? How well have we prepared ourselves to defend freedom against apathy and ignorance, those twin terrors which bedevil free people in every age?

We in the school of Business Administration at Missouri Southern State College subscribe to the proposition that sound general education must provide the basis for all we do to prepare our students for the world of business. To help preserve

that environment within which freedoms of all kinds (including free enterprise) will flourish, we know that our students must be recognized as educated persons in the broadest sense of that term. We must develop in our graduates the ability to use the language effectively in both the written and spoken forms, the ability to manipulate the number system, some appreciation for the fine arts and literature, and a knowledge of the scientific method. Our people must not leave our campus and values in the development and preservation of democratic ideals. Likewise, it is necessary for our students to be aware of the cultures, ideals, and viewpoints of others in our world, especially when they espouse doctrines which are antithetical to the standards to which we subscribe.

In short, it is necessary that we educate for citizenship, and that this aspect of education receive the first and highest priority. Only in this way can we continue to possess the arsenal of knowledge and wisdom with which we have preserved freedom throughout our history. We must recognize that our heritage, like the Constitution, only enables us to take these steps, and that the tools with which liberty is preserved must be acquired again by each generation. To do otherwise risks the consequences which Burke predicted, and ignores the wisdom of Jefferson, one of the principal authors of our liberty.

YOUR LETTERS

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We need leaders who have courage

Now that we've tried it for a semester, let's use the Westminster chimes for ringing on the hour. During the Fall, the new system has been used to give the school a more academic atmosphere and the ringing of the chimes does that. But too much of a good thing can defeat the original purpose of it. How many times have we gone to a movie where a good special effect is overdone? As we watch the same effect over and over, it leaves the viewer with a feeling that the producer of the movie

concentrated on the special effect more than on the plot. The same is true with the chimes. When used to sound out the hour and the half hour, the campus rings with a sense of ivy league grandeur. When the system goes on to play music of questionable quality, that distinct feeling of the reverence of the chimes is lost.

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Black poet can better assess devastating impact

Regarding Mr. David Kirksey's response to my letter, I am surprised that he finds acceptable an instructor's use of the epithets "a bunch of quitters," "a bunch of jerks," "a bunch of criminals," or "a bunch of damn assholes," when addressing students of this college. I do not find it acceptable, nor do I believe that Mr. Kirksey would tolerate my so addressing him. But more to the point of my letter, none of these pejorative terms serve to degrade or demean an entire class of innocent people, as does the word "nigger."

Furthermore, I wish Mr. Kirksey would extend me the courtesy of citing my remarks accurately: I called for no one's "execution," nor would I render the image of a "rope" and a "mob," with their awful connotations of the lynch mob, of which black people have been

historically so much a victim.

And in response to Mr. Kirksey's direct question, yes, in my 26 years as a college professor at four different colleges and universities, and as Faculty Sponsor of the Afro-American Society here at MSSC, I have had a great number of student athletes in my classes, both black and white, and I can assure you that none of them enjoyed being called "nigger." But who am I, a middle-aged, middle-class white man born and reared in the racist south in the days when Plessy-Ferguson was the law of the land, to assess the devastating impact of the word "nigger" on black people, when prize-winning black American poet Countee Cullen can do it so much better. Listen to his words:

Once riding in old Baltimore,
Heart-filled, head-filled with glee,
I saw a Baltimorean
Keep looking straight at me.
Now I was eight and very small,
And he was no whit bigger,
And so I smiled, but he poked out
His tongue, and called me, "Nigger."
I saw the whole of Baltimore,
From May until December;
Of all the things that happened there
That's all that I remember.

Henry Morgan

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Nine faculty members remain from 'Class of 1967'

Curriculum expansion required hiring of 50

By Lee Hum
Staff Writer

When Jasper County Junior College became Missouri Southern College in 1967, there was much more involved than simply changing locations.

According to Dr. Keith Larimore, professor of business, it took a substantial amount of effort to hire the additional faculty necessary for the junior college to expand to a four-year institution.

Larimore, then the dean of the school of business, and other College officials in-

volved in the hiring process actively recruited new graduates of area colleges and universities who held master's degrees. He said it was nearly impossible to find business graduates with doctorates, "because it is and will continue to be a very high demand area. We still have a hard time getting people with Ph.D.'s here."

"We would basically sell them on coming to this new college. What we did at the time was to hire people on the condition that they would go back to school and upgrade their credentials."

"That was and is still a real challenge," Larimore added. "Most business courses are upper division courses. That requires a different breed of pups than a junior college faculty."

James Maupin, currently the dean of

the school of technology, was assistant dean of technology during the transition period. He acknowledged there were difficulties finding instructors in some academic areas and that active recruitment was often necessary.

"I can remember numerous trips to places like Oklahoma State, St. Louis, Kansas City, Columbia, and Central Missouri [State] to get backgrounds and interviews with potential faculty members," he said.

Hiring instructors for the technology department was a unique task, Maupin said, because candidates needed both a degree and a solid background of work experience in their respective fields.

The U.S. involvement in Vietnam presented yet another problem for the new

institution, according to Larimore, because the draft was still in effect.

"One of the problems we had was getting draft deferments for faculty members," he said. "Most of my faculty were under the gun from the draft."

Larimore said in most cases three candidates were interviewed for each new position. Each candidate met with the head of his respective department, College President Leon Billingsly, and academic vice president Fred Cinotto.

"As we started building our faculty, the faculty would interview them also," Larimore said.

New faculty members also were "highly involved" in the development of the new curriculum that had to be designed to accommodate a baccalaureate degree pro-

gram, said Maupin.

Approximately 50 faculty members were hired that first year, according to Dr. Floyd Belk, now vice president for academic affairs. Belk served as dean of student personnel services in 1967. Of those 50, nine—Dr. Vernon Baiamonte, Joyce Bowman, Edith Compton, Dr. John Cragin, Dr. Sam Gibson, Dr. Conrad Gubera, Marilyn Jacobs, Dr. Robert Markman, and Marion Sloan—are still full-time faculty members at Southern. Markman declined to be interviewed, but stories on the rest of the "Class of 1967" follow:

Gubera witnesses world of change

By Steve Womack
Staff Writer

From pastures to a sprawling college campus, Dr. Conrad Gubera, associate professor of sociology, has seen a world of change at Missouri Southern.

"Dad and I would drive by this place with loads of corn and see the cattle grazing," he said. "It was all pasture and rolling hills. To look at it now, it is totally different."

After attending Joplin Junior College, Gubera studied at the University of Kansas and Pittsburg State University. He then settled at Southern in 1967.

"I liked the novelty of a brand new campus," he said. "There was something thrilling about it. The mansion used to be the student union and cafeteria."

At age 23, Gubera started teaching high school. At 26, he landed his position

at the College.

"When I started at Southern in the fall of 1967, I made \$6,700 and \$125 for teaching a night class," he said. "I taught four intro classes and one sophomore class."

"Dr. Leon Billingsly hired me because he was the president, but essentially an old friend named Harry Gockel did the most for me," he said. "He used to be my teacher at Joplin Senior High. Harry was the chairperson of the social science department."

Gubera believes every year will be his last at the College, but admits, "I will probably die here." Twenty years, however, have provided plenty of memories.

"Every time I step across the campus, I am cognizant of how much it has changed," he said. "It is nothing short of nostalgic. It is very exciting to work here and see everything growing around you."

You have a chance to measure yourself."

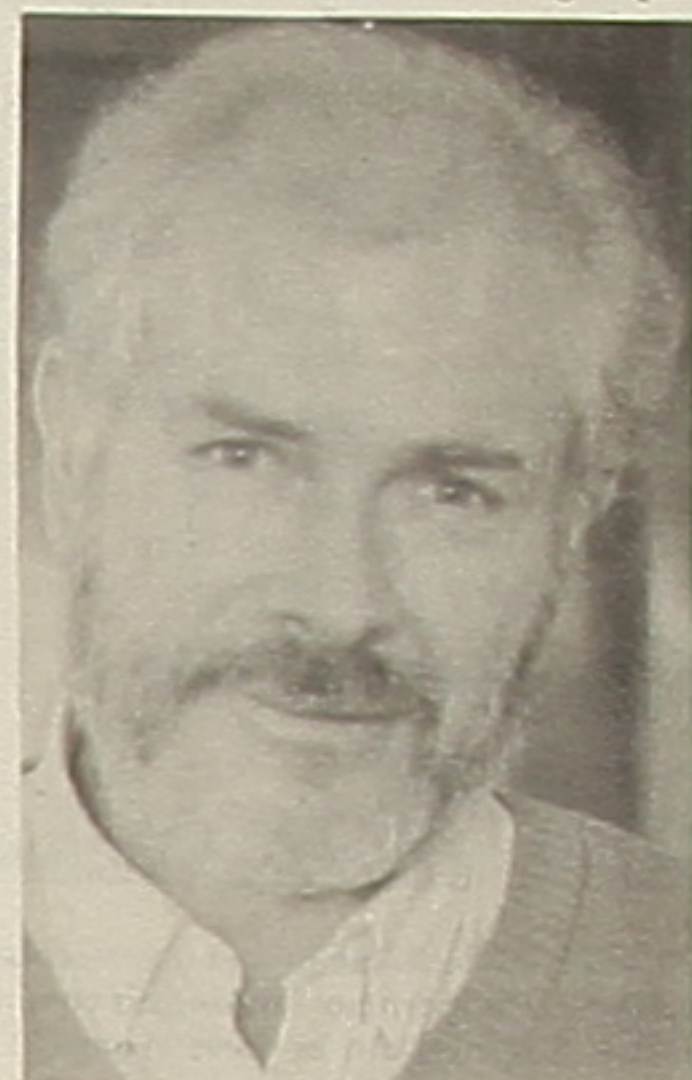
Gubera believes Billingsly was a builder and the right person at the right time. He said he was a "bricks and mortar-type man."

Under current College President Julio Leon, Gubera said Southern is headed in the right direction.

"Dr. Leon gives us the initiative to be the very best undergraduate college we can be," he said. "We can improve our teaching and classes. We have more diversity now. I see the College, under Dr. Leon, taking on a real personality and a real mission of its own."

Gubera and a colleague worked to establish the sociology program at Southern.

"We built it up from the ground," he said. "It was a good hands-on training for me. That kind of training is invaluable."



Dr. Conrad Gubera

Billingsly hired Cragin

By Chris A. Clark
Editorial Page Editor

Although 20 years may seem a long time ago, Missouri Southern had a brand new campus in 1967.

Dr. John Cragin, head of the computer science department, was hired by Dr. Leon Billingsly, then Southern president, at a salary of \$7,000.

"The College was new," said Cragin. "When the College became an extension of the old Joplin Junior College, the whole concept of the type of college we have now was totally new."

"Of course, this [Matthews Hall] building wasn't here. The mansion extension was the cafeteria before it was moved over to the Billingsly Student Center. It is pretty safe to say that a lot of things have changed."

Cragin, who came to Southern in 1967, recalls the protest years of the late 1960s.

"During that time we were in a very unpopular war," he said. "There was some protest, but the students weren't as rabid as students on other campuses."

"Protest to the Vietnam War was never really popular in this part of the country. Most of the students here at Southern were good students. Everything here was pretty low key. It was just a phase that people go through. You just have to remember that everything works in cycles."

According to Cragin, experience was not a factor when he arrived in 1967.

"I joined the computer department when the department was moved over to Kuhn Hall," he said. "I did not have a great deal of experience at the time. I had gotten a little experience in the service, but it wasn't a whole lot."

While his computer science department has had recent fractional enrollment decreases, Cragin is not surprised at how the whole College has grown.

"This school is a heck of a bargain," he said. "I think the fact that we have no student-taught courses for undergraduate work is why we are superior to some major universities."



Joyce Bowman

Bowman is still happy in department

By Charlene Mendenhall
Chart Reporter

Wanting to become involved with the theatre again, Joyce Bowman left Southwest Missouri State University in 1967.

Bowman, assistant professor of theatre at Missouri Southern, desired the "one-on-one-type" atmosphere provided by the new college.

Bowman applied to several other colleges, some that she admits paid better than Southern. She taught speech and English her first years here, but to date is happy to be in the theatre department.

According to Bowman, the campus has grown drastically since 1967, when the faculty had limitations on both space and budget. Some of the theatre faculty were forced to use closets as their offices.

"There wasn't enough room for the students to enter the office," Bowman said. "The budget limited the theatre faculty's ability to restore costumes. We made due with what little we had. We never had enough to buy new materials."

Bowman can recall a night in May 1971 involving the theatre department.

"It was our opening night," she said. "A tornado was spotted on Seventh Street heading toward the College. The per-

formers were dressing and the audience was arriving. Everyone was ordered to get out of the building. The tornado followed the creek below Southern, just missing the campus. It destroyed the house which now sits behind the football stadium. The performance went on the next night, but some of the students never returned to school."

Bowman is undecided as to any retirement plans.

"I didn't plan on staying here this long," she said. Bowman said her reason for staying was the department. "We work very well together; we share all our problems concerning the theatre."

Compton sees growth in business school

By Robyn Rakes
Chart Reporter

After teaching at Missouri Southern for 20 years, Edith Compton still finds the students enjoyable.

"They seem to be very enthusiastic," said Compton, associate professor of business. "The students I had then I tend to

remember more because there wasn't as many of them."

Compton, who came to Southern in 1967, was hired by Dr. Keith Larimore at a salary of \$6,500.

"Back then we had a total of nine business faculty members as compared to the 23 members we have today," she said. "We were all on the bottom floor of

Hearnes, back where counseling is now."

According to Compton, the enrollment increases at Southern are the greatest changes since she arrived at the College.

"The number of people is the most drastic change I have seen," she said. "Right now, we have pretty good enrollment in the business department. A quality institution is our goal."

Gibson cites enthusiasm

By Randee Kaiser
Chart Reporter

One 20-year veteran of Missouri Southern noted an abundance of energy and enthusiasm during the College's first year.

"Everyone was excited about setting trends," said Dr. Sam Gibson, associate professor of biology.

Gibson came to the campus in 1967 to join a three-member biology department. "We had smaller offices than we do now," he said. "There were two, sometimes three to an office."

Gibson said although space was limited and there was occasional "teeth gritting," everyone cooperated.

There were several reasons for his selecting Southern.

"I made the choice to go into teaching instead of research," said Gibson, whose friend, Wayne Habermill, who was an instructor in the biology department at Southern.

After 20 years, Gibson said his fondest memory was watching his first class graduate from Southern. His contact with students has changed since then.

"We used to know the students on campus; now it's just the students in class."

One of the trends he has noticed is that of the goals of the students.

"The big goal of students in the 1960s was to keep in mind social awareness and concern of the world," said Gibson. "Now the big goal is to get college out of the way quickly and to make money."

As for the future, Gibson has no specific plans of retirement.

"I'll go a few more years and stop to see where I'm at," he said.

He believes there has always been a good teaching staff at Southern.

"The closeness between students and faculty was even more pronounced in the early days," said Gibson. He said this one-to-one closeness has always been present.

By Gordon Noah
Chart Reporter

She didn't originally apply for the position, but Marilyn Jacobs was asked to join the Missouri Southern faculty in 1967.

"I was asked, due to the lack of available nurses," she said.

Jacobs, assistant professor of nursing, worked at local hospitals before coming to Southern. She is still active as a call-in.

The development of the nursing program began in 1965 after a study revealed

the need for registered nurses. The state board of nursing approved the program in 1966, and the first class was admitted to the program later that year.

Jacobs recalls the campus in 1967: "There were practically no buildings," she said. "The students had to park in a grass field and were always getting blocked in."

Jacobs' classroom was a little house with two rooms separated by a door. The house contained a floor furnace, and when the door was closed it shut off the heat supply.

One of Jacobs' memories was that of the late Dr. Leon Billingsly.

"The loss of Dr. Billingsly was unbelievable," she said. "He was a very warm, very outgoing individual. Dr. Billingsly went after the College with a great deal of determination. The community was ready for a school. The timing was great. The community supported the College."

When Jacobs started, Southern only had two full-time and one part-time nursing instructors. Now Southern employs nine full-time and four part-time nursing

instructors. Student enrollment for the classes also have increased tremendously.

"At the very beginning we took in around 30 students; now we take in a set of around 70 in associate and somewhere around 50 in baccalaureate," said Jacobs.

She attributes her long stay at Southern to the love of her students.

"I love nursing, and I love students and enjoy teaching them. I get the best of both worlds. I plan to stay here a while longer."

Southern's continuous growth surprises Baiamonte

By Walt Nance
Chart Reporter

The physical science department has experienced great growth since the conception of Missouri Southern in 1967.

That year, the department did not have any chemistry majors as most of the students were pre-engineering majors. And there were only "two or three" ma-

jors in the entire department.

Dr. Vernon Baiamonte, head of the physical science department, came to Southern in 1967. He previously taught at Ball State University in Indiana and did research at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico.

Baiamonte came to Southern after holding the research position because he "decided to go back to teaching."

He said students were not faced with

a major transition when the junior college evolved into Missouri Southern in 1967.

"Most of the students were local," Baiamonte said. "They just had to transfer to another part of town."

One thing that surprises Baiamonte about Southern is the continuous growth rate. When the College first opened, maximum enrollment was estimated at 5,000.

"It just continues to grow," Baiamonte added. "The attitude then was 'maybe

someday it will get there, but no more than 5,000 students.'" Southern surpassed the 5,000 figure in 1987.

Baiamonte has no disappointments concerning his 20 years at the College. He said he feels good about what Southern has accomplished and plans to stay here in the future.

"I have no complaints, and it is to my advantage to stay here at Southern."

Sloan accepted challenge and came to College as teacher

By Richard Clemons
Chart Reporter

Teaching is a profession held by a select group. But to some, it is more than just a job.

"I just love teaching," says Marion Sloan, associate professor of physics.

Sloan came to Southern in 1967, only

months after he graduated from college.

"It was a job," he said. "I was happy to get it." Sloan was offered a similar position in New Mexico, but turned it down for the Southern opportunity.

"I just didn't feel like moving to New Mexico at that time," he said. The offer from Southern was made just two weeks before the semester started, but Sloan ac-

cepted the challenge.

He has noticed many changes in the physical appearance of Southern, but the atmosphere has basically stayed the same.

"Students still respect the teachers here," he said. "Maybe not as much, but there is still respect. I don't think that teachers get as close to the students as they used to; I just don't think it's possible now."

"I feel that professors are more limited on what they can discuss now than they were back when I first started," Sloan added. "The requirements that we can make in class now aren't quite as demanding as they were 20 years ago, quite frankly because the students just won't accept them as they did."

Sloan plans to remain at the College.



Demonstrates Dr. Joe Shields shows his students the proper use of scuba-diving equipment in the Southern pool during his continuing education class. (Chart photo by Steve Womack)

Five students attend Model U.N.

By Chris Quarton
Staff Writer

Five Missouri Southern students recently joined with other college students to discuss world issues at the Midwest Model United Nations in St. Louis.

Gail Demery, Joe Pease, Daniel Baker, Kimberly Mitchell, and Diane Elliott represented Thailand at the conference.

The Midwest Model United Nations is an all-collegiate organization dedicated to the concept of a "Venture in Practical Education." It also furnishes a structure and forum for students to work with international issues from a perspective outside of the classroom. Students who attend represent various countries.

Dr. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history, accompanied the students on their Feb. 24-27 trip.

According to Teverow, his main purpose

was to "answer the students' questions." "It's a simulation of proceedings of the United Nations," he said.

Teverow said delegations attended from approximately 60 midwest colleges.

"The task of the delegations was to represent the interests of their nation faithfully and effectively," he said.

While there, Teverow took part in the International Court of Justice, which was a simulated world court. Faculty advisers from different colleges served as the judges.

For a Southern student to take part in the Model United Nations, he or she first must be a member of the Social Sciences Club, of which Teverow is the faculty sponsor. Membership in the Social Sciences Club is open to all students.

"We had to learn some of the language of Thailand," said Pease. "It was a lot of hard work, but it was a lot of fun."

"As a student, you had to be an actor,"

he added. "You had to play that role."

Pease emphasized that the student delegations not only attempted to pass resolutions for the benefit of their individual countries, but also for the benefit of all countries in general.

"We changed from American people into the people of Thailand," Pease said.

"We were up at six, and usually didn't get to bed until midnight or later," he added.

Teverow said the student delegates from Southern began researching Thailand months before the conference took place.

Other countries represented by delegations from different educational institutions included Afghanistan, Chile, Honduras, Libya, Peru, Syria, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe, among others.

Teverow said next year the delegation from Southern will represent Pakistan.

Sorority will initiate new members

Three new pledges were the result of Zeta Tau Alpha's spring semester rush.

"We had an orientation the first night," said Tiffany Jakse, vice president of the sorority. "We asked questions and met new people."

Zeta Tau Alpha first had a bowling party, then performed a skit for the pledges.

The new pledges are Shannan Anderson, Deanna Black, and Pamela Henckle.

Currently, they are preparing for the initiation of their first semester pledges. On Tuesday they held a sisterhood ceremony to prepare the new initiates, and tomorrow night they will hold the initia-

tion ceremony at a Joplin church.

Initiates are Sabrina Baker, Valerie Box, Stephanie Earnsey, Julie Gray, and Teresa Pullen.

They will hold rush workshops on Saturday and March 26. They also have planned to get together this summer for a workshop to prepare for fall rush.

"We plan to get together with the Sigma Nu's and the Lambda's for Greek Week in April," said Jakse.

They also have been taking donations for the Courtney Carlisle foundation. Many of the group's members will be working as tour guides at the Missouri Southern open house on Sunday, March

27.

The Zetas also are planning to attend Zeta Day at the University of Missouri-Columbia on April 16. They will be getting together with chapters from all over the United States to exchange ideas for new chapter programs and discuss rushing techniques.

"Everyone is planning to go," added Jakse.

They also will be holding their annual White Violet Formal on April 30 for all chapter members.

This semester's officers are Cassie McLain, president; Jakse, first vice president; and Pullen, secretary.

□ Cheerleader/From Page 4

her foot through the ceiling fan. "You were the high school jock, not me. I was the all-American nerd with her nose in a book," I said. "What do I know about these things?" I asked.

"How does it feel to be a Rooster," Desara cheered. "How does it feel to be way up high?"

In truth, there was a time, long ago, when being a cheerleader was one of the two goals of my life. The other was to be a baton twirler. Reaching back into the annals of time, I can remember desperately wanting to be both, and fantasizing about strutting in front of the crowds, carrying my pom-poms/baton high to the roars of the multitudes, simultaneously doing splits in midair.

I was a total failure. In 1962, when I was in 7th grade, in order to be a cheerleader one had to be popular. The tryouts were redundant, because the student body chose the squad, and not on

ability alone. To be truthful, I was not a good candidate for either. I kept dropping the baton during practice, and once I even struck the girl next to me with one end. During cheerleading tryouts, I was pathetically ungraceful. I was never able to do the splits, even halfway to the floor.

But I do remember the desire. More than that, I recall the girls who made the squad. At the time, they seemed snug and affected. My mother told me, as I cried over the injustice of not being chosen, that there would be other things for me, and these golden girls would some day wish they could accomplish the feats I would achieve.

So, with that sour-grape attitude, I placed cheerleading, baton twirling, and prom queen on the shelf. I would be a nuclear scientist, a mystery writer, a nerd.

Now, my daughter wants to be a cheerleader.

It requires a lot of maturity to realize

that all these years I may have been wrong.

Cheerleading is not a bad thing, and in fact it has a great deal going for it. The girls on the squad have a strong bond, and they work hard to learn their routines. It takes athletic ability to perform those feats, and it is a great chance for them to learn sportsmanship and experience competition.


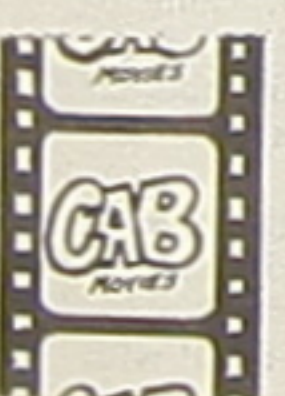

Desara didn't make the squad, but it wasn't the end of the world. She is already practicing for next year, and she is enjoying being in the pep club.

Larry and I have survived the transition. We did make a few rules, though.

"You can't go out with boys until you are 25," we said. "No makeup, no nylons, and no, you cannot shave your legs until we say so. See us in 1998 about that," we added.

"And please, do your cartwheels outside," Larry said.

Upcoming Events

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| Today | Affirmative Action program 9:30 a.m. BSC-314 | LDSSA meeting noon BSC-311 | A Day in the Life a multi-media presentation 1 p.m. Matthews Auditorium | Phi Eta Sigma dinner 6:30 p.m. Keystone Room |
| Tomorrow | Indian PowWow with Sonny Glass noon Lions' Den | | Young Democrats meeting noon BSC-306 | Deadline for applying to be a student teacher this fall is March 11 in Taylor-224 |
| Weekend |  | Baseball Doubleheader vs St. Cloud State 1 p.m. home | Baseball Doubleheader vs the University of Kansas 1 p.m. Sunday away | |
| Monday | Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. BSC-314 | Sigma Nu meeting 5:15 p.m. BSC-311 |  | CAB Movie 7:30 & 9:45 p.m. in the Barn Theatre |
| Tuesday | Interviews with the dept. of public information at the University Missouri for info. call 625-9343 | Baseball vs. Oral Roberts University 2:30 p.m. away | REVENGE OF THE NERDS II | |
| Wednesday |  | International Club meeting 3 p.m. BSC-313 | CAB meeting 3 p.m. BSC-310 | Student Senate meeting 5:30 p.m. BSC-310 |

CAB offers trip to Daytona

Students will be gone for nine days over spring break

By Chris Quarton
Staff Writer

Those students who have nothing in particular planned for spring break may want to consider traveling to Daytona Beach, Fla.

According to Val Williams, coordinator of student activities, Missouri Southern has provided the opportunity for students to go to Daytona Beach during spring break since 1985.

"It is extremely popular," she said. "The football players always find it irresistible."

A bus for the students will depart on Friday, March 11 from the police academy parking lot. A specific time will be announced later. Those not desiring to take the bus may drive themselves.

Cost of the trip will be \$214 for those taking the bus and \$137 for those providing their own transportation.

"It is extremely inexpensive," Williams said.

Altogether, the vacation will encompass nine days, including one day for travel each way. Students will return to Joplin on Saturday, March 19.

Williams said, "It's approximately a 24-hour bus drive."

According to Williams, a maximum of

100 students from Southern may attend.

"An adviser does go along," she added.

"This year's adviser is Dusty DeVillier." Southern has reserved 25 hotel rooms, with four people in each. The hotel is located directly on the beach overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

Mid-February until the end of March is the most popular time for college students to visit Daytona Beach during their spring break.

"These hotels take advantage of the time period," said Williams. "Companies who deal only with spring break trips buy all of the hotel rooms and contact the colleges and universities and reserve spaces for them."

Williams said there are several scheduled events and some "optional excursions" offered, including a trip to Disney World.

Activities include a party on board a barge, which will travel the St. James River at night.

"If you don't go as a college, you can't go on these events," said Williams, who served as the Southern adviser during the last two Daytona trips.

The whole town caters to college students," she said. "They really roll out the red carpet."

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Presentation to be given

The Chameleon Puppet Theatre from Springfield will present a lecture/demonstration, including a performance of "Old MacDonald's Farm" and "Little Miss Muffet," from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

All levels (K-9) of Young Adult Artists Studio will meet in the Spiva Art Center gallery at this time. They will learn about character development and certain skills of puppetry and cartooning.

The session of Young Artists Studio began Feb. 27 and will continue each Saturday through March 26.

Tom Wheeler, Joplin R-8 art teacher, will be the instructor for puppetry on March 19. Mitch Terry, art instructor with Anderson schools, will teach cartooning on March 12 and 26.

The fees include all instructional and supply costs. Tuition for dependents of Spiva art members is \$10 for one student, \$15 for two, \$20 for three, and \$25 for four or more students. Tuition for dependents of non-members is \$15 for one, \$20 for two, \$25 for three, and \$30 for four or more.

"Class sizes must be limited," said Val Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Center, "but the program is open to all young people in the area."

Financial assistance for this program has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

The objectives of this program are to provide an art enrichment experience in the studio," Christensen said, "to expand the knowledge of young people about art-works, and to increase the appreciation of the visual arts by examining, thinking about, and discussing examples of original, primary art objects."

"The program will promote artistic expression, develop artistic skill, and increase critical skills of the students."

Courage/From Page 4

Now that we've tried it for a semester, let's also have the guts to admit that the long semester was a mistake. It was heralded as a great step forward last year. But now that we've tried it for a while, we see the true effects of the longer semester. Instead of more time for academic pursuits, many instructors have reported an increase in absenteeism. Students seem to be approaching burnout at a faster rate. Teachers also complain of the longer teaching period. They long for time for Christmas shopping and time to visit student teachers and follow up on how they are progressing after graduation.

MSSC is to be commended for trying new techniques, like the chimes and longer semesters, but when the new ideas don't work, they need to be scrapped or at least modified. That's when we need leaders who truly have courage, the courage to admit they were wrong.

David Gomm



Touches up Missouri Southern art major Annie Wu touches up her current piece of artwork in the lobby of the Spiva Art Center.

'Willow' could be a great movie, but it's not a great book

By Mark R. Mulik
Managing Editor

Rating: ★★½
(out of ★★★★★)

George Lucas finally has another production out. It's a science fantasy story of magic and prophecy called *Willow*, which is currently in the form of a novel—though it is soon to be released as a movie, as well.

Written by Canadian author Wyland Drew, *Willow* is about the journey in a mystical world of a little being called a Nelwyn into the territories of humankind.

Nelwyns are dwarves, reminiscent of Tolkien's hobbits, that live in a remote section of the world. Humans of the world, known as Daikinis, are not trusted by Nelwyns.

The story deals with a prophecy about a Daikini child coming into the world to bring goodness and life and to end the reign of an evil sorceress named Queen Bavmorda.

The queen, knowing of the prophecy, takes measures to find the child. Once the

child is born, Bavmorda intends to take and kill the child, so that her evil reign will continue unthwarted.

But when the child is born, the midwife, who knows of the prophecy, escapes with the child.

The child, a girl, ends up being placed in a basket that ends up flowing downstream (You know—kind of like Moses) out of the queen's clutches. The child, Elora Danan—as she becomes to be known—eventually falls into the hands of one Willow Ufgood, a Nelwyn who has his heart set on being a sorcerer.

Willow ends up being instructed by the elder of the village to take back into Daikini lands. His orders are: to give the child to the first Daikini they meet.

Willow and Elora Danan depart the valley with three other Nelwyns and travel into Daikini territory.

When the group happens along the first Daikini, Willow is reluctant to give the child to the man, for he is scruffy and devious looking. But, following the elder's order, Willow gives the child to the Daikini, who is called Madmartigan.

But on the trip home, Willow changes his mind about leaving Elora Danan with Madmartigan, and he heads back. As the Nelwyn had suspected, the child falls out

of Madmartigan's hands and is taken by "brownies," little creatures similar in temperaments to gremlins. Elora Danan is brought to the brownies' queen, an "entity" known as Cherlindrea. Cherlindrea reminds me of the Good Witch of the North from *The Wizard of Oz*—she even has a wand.

In an encounter with Cherlindrea, Willow regains Elora Danan and gains Cherlindrea's wand. She instructs him to take the wand and the child to an island on which a sorceress named Fin Raziel is imprisoned. With Cherlindrea's wand, Raziel will have the power to combat Bavmorda.

Madmartigan makes appearances throughout the story. It turns out he is one of the world's greatest warriors, though he lost his honor years ago.

Throughout Willow's travels, he and his companions are confronted by the queen's army, which is searching for Elora Danan.

The story runs almost too easily for the protagonists, as the queen grows closer and closer to downfall. At the beginning of the story, she controls great lands, huge armies, and powerful magic, and by the end she has lost everything all too quickly.

Parts of the novel have the potential to

John Kearney finished fourth in poetry interpretation, while Jerri Lynn Shelby took fifth place in informative speaking.

"I love speaking, and I love competition," Shelby said. "This was my second tournament in my whole life."

Shelby's topic was "magic." "I performed a couple of tricks," she explained.

Shelby said her main interests in forensics include the categories of persuasive, sales, and informative speaking.

Today through Saturday, Delaney's squad will take part in the Pi Kappa Delta Forensics Tournament at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Pi Kappa Delta is a national honorary fraternity for forensics students. Several of the Southern debaters belong to the Missouri Upsilon chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

According to Delaney, Southern currently has 10 debaters.

"Good debaters are fluent speakers who know the rules of debate," he said. "Knowing the rules does make a difference."

By Chris Quanton
Staff Writer

Participation in the Missouri Association of Forensics Activities tournament brought good results for the Missouri Southern debate squad.

The tournament was held last weekend at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Twelve schools from Missouri were represented at the tournament.

According to David Delaney, Southern debate coach, the squad claimed fifth place overall.

Kevin Doss was the state champion in sales presentation speaking. In addition, he finished third in extemporaneous speaking, fourth in dramatic interpretation, and fifth in pentathlon.

"For the size of our squad, we did as well as anyone there," Delaney said. "We took six people and won six trophies."

Michael K. Prater finished fourth in impromptu Lincoln-Douglas debate. Delaney said debaters who take part in this type of debate draw topics from a hat and are only allowed 30 minutes in which to prepare their speeches.

Pianist will present recital

The chairman of the piano department at the University of Texas-San Antonio will present a recital at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Phinney Recital Hall.

Dr. Janice Hodges, who performed at Missouri Southern in 1984 and 1987, has covered a broad range of repertoire from traditional to contemporary music. She has performed in solo recitals, as a soloist

with orchestras and chamber music groups, and also as an accompanist.

The recital program planned for Tuesday includes three sonatas and a toccata by Domenico Scarlatti; Franz Schubert's *Fantasia in C Major*, two intermezzos, a ballade by Johannes Brahms, and Franz Liszt's *Totentanz*.

The recital is free of charge.

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| | Janice Hodges Piano Recital 8 p.m. Tuesday Phinney Hall | 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' April 20 Taylor Auditorium | |
| Kansas City | Squeeze w/ Ten Thousand Maniacs Tomorrow Kansas City Memorial Hall | | 'Asleep at the Wheel' March 24 Uptown Theatre |
| | Mickey Howard March 25 Uptown Theatre | | Gatlin Brothers April 1 Uptown Theatre |
| | The Alarm April 4 Uptown Theatre | | Wynton Marsalis April 7 Uptown Theatre |

Defense is 'shaping up'

By Rob Smith
Executive Manager

After struggling defensively through its first three games, the baseball Lions are hoping an errorless doubleheader last Saturday will prove to be a "trend."

"At this point, I think we are playing real well," said Kermit Luebber, Southern pitching coach. "We hope to continue that trend."

"The defense is shaping up. We made a lot of errors against Oklahoma State last week, but we came back and played errorless ball Saturday (in a weekend sweep of Concordia College)."

Now the Lions will turn their attention toward Saturday's 1 p.m. twin-bill against St. Cloud (Minn.) State University.

"We don't know much about St. Cloud," Luebber said. "In the past, they have always had a strong club."

According to Denny Lorusung, St. Cloud head coach, his team lacks established pitchers.

"I think our weakness will be pitching," said Lorusung. "We lost some people and we had a couple of junior college transfers that decided not to come."

Regardless of his lack of proven pitchers, Lorusung will have to put someone on the hill. Senior Brad Van Bergen, who finished 3-2 with a 3.40 ERA, may be the pitching staff's only proven element. The other St. Cloud starter, Russ Fandel, hurled just five innings last season.

The Lions will counter with senior Jim Krull, who finished 6-2 last year, and freshman left-hander Ken Grundt.

St. Cloud, which finished 25-18 last season, will play the Lions as part of their spring break trip. After opening the trip against Northwest Missouri State University tomorrow and Southern Saturday, St. Cloud will play Northeastern Oklahoma State University and six games against Texas schools before returning home.

"It's going to be a long trip," Lorusung said. "Usually, we play in the Metrodome at this time of year, but we were unable to do that."

Lorusung said that while his pitching may be down this season, hitting will be a team strength.

"We should be able to hit the ball pretty well," he said. "Our most consistent hitter has been our centerfielder, John McFarland. He hit .395 last year and .433 the year before."

Although McFarland provides the bulk of the St. Cloud offensive punch, Luebber hopes Jim Baranoski continues his offensive onslaught. The Southern catcher is batting .333 with two home runs.

"We've been getting a good performance out of Jim Baranoski," Luebber said. "Colon Kelly has also been playing real well for us."

"We have to mention our freshman second baseman, Tim Casper. He's done a good job as well."

Golf coach, 74, teaches players as season opener approaches

By Rob Smith
Executive Manager

Veteran might best describe this year's Missouri Southern golf team.

Seventy-four-year-old coach Bill Cox and the return of all but one player give the word "veteran" its validity.

"I have been a student of the golf swing for over 40 years," said Cox, in his third year as the team's coach.

Cox is hoping his 40 years of experience will rub off on some of his players. One goal Cox has set is teaching each player rather than simply instructing him. He says there is a distinct difference in the two approaches.

"What we are doing is teaching golf," Cox said. "We're not just instructing it."

"The teaching we are giving is in sound basics. It will give everyone their chance to arrive at their efficiency point."

Cox said his players accepted quite a challenge when they decided to learn the game.

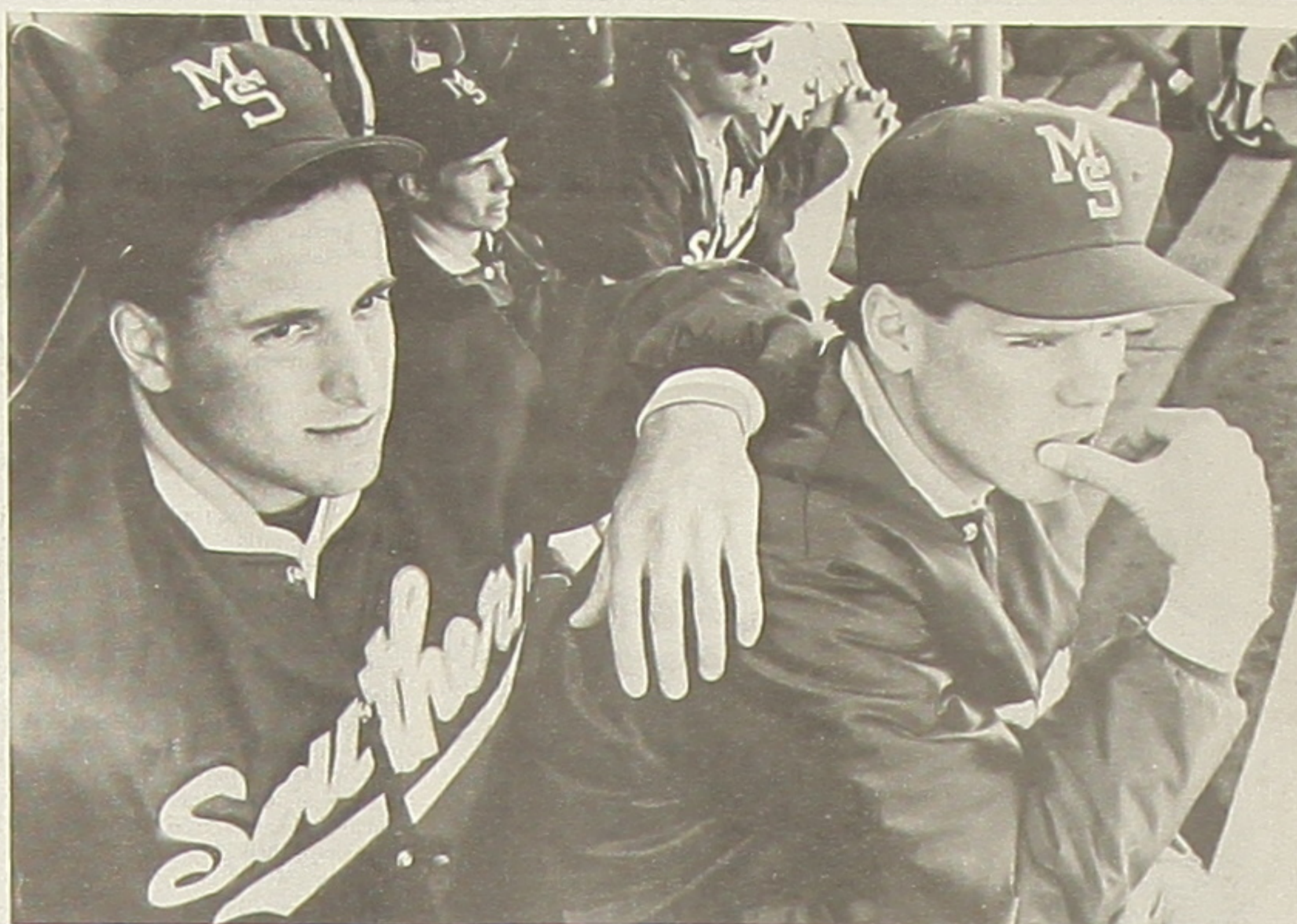
"The game of golf, since it is mostly mental, is the most difficult in the world. You must be in absolute control to do well. You must be absolute in the basics."

Although the season "tees off" in three weeks, Cox said the Lions may be at a disadvantage when it comes to practice.

"We haven't been able to practice this fall or winter," he said. "We're hurting a little bit in that area."

"Last year, we were able to get out every week all through the winter and practice."

While Cox returns all but one player, he said there isn't any one standout golfer.



Pitching duo Pitchers Tony Maniglia (left) and Mike Stebbins look on as the Lions walk past Concordia College of Nebraska 16-0 and 13-0 in a doubleheader Saturday. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Carrender joins Missouri Western staff

After serving two seasons as Missouri Southern's offensive line coach, Chuck Carrender began his duties as Missouri Western's offensive coordinator Monday.

Dennis Darnell, Western head coach, listed several reasons for hiring Carrender.

"We feel fortunate to get a person with as much experience," said Darnell. "He has several good qualities. He has a good ability in recruiting."

"Another quality he has is a real talent for motivating players and getting them to play up to their abilities. He's a respected coach."

Carrender said he wanted to stay in Missouri. While that is one reason for accepting the job at Western, he said there were others.

"I've known Coach Darnell for 15 years," he said. "He's one reason I wanted to come to Missouri Western."

Darnell has worked with Carrender before. Darnell was offensive coordinator at Drake University while Carrender was defensive coordinator.

According to Carrender, he is just getting settled into his new position.

"I haven't been here long enough to get a full look at the program," he said. "The first thing we'll come up with is a consistent philosophy within the offense. It's just a process of taking the talent and working it into the offense."

Carrender, who was not offered a position when Charley Wade was hired as Southern's new head coach, said he has no bitterness toward the College.

"Charley Wade is a fine man," he said. "I would be just like him. I would want my own people, who know my philosophy, to be around me. It only makes sense."

"I really enjoyed Southern. I'm going to miss some people down there. I've known Coach Frazier for 15 years and Dave Evans for at least eight."

Rod Giesselmann, who was fired as the Lions' head football coach in November, and Evans, the team's offensive backfield coach, are uncertain concerning future plans.

"I'm looking at different situations, but right now I'm teaching classes at Missouri Southern," Giesselmann said.

Soccer players will present clinic Saturday

Attempting to develop an interest among local youths, the Missouri Southern soccer Lions will host a clinic Saturday in Carthage.

"Soccer has really taken a jump in popularity among kids in the area," said Jack Spurlin, Southern head soccer coach.

The clinic will be held at the Carthage Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is designed to assist young players in cultivating their skills.

"There has been a lot of interest shown so far," said Spurlin. "We are expecting

about 200 to 400 kids to attend."

Spurlin believes the soccer team's involvement will be beneficial in three ways. It will be a service to the community, it could boost attendance at Lion soccer games, and the more the children learn now, the more they will benefit Southern in the future.

"The kids of today are the soccer players of tomorrow," said Spurlin. "The community service is a positive; it makes the team look good."

Lenny Stemmons, Troy LeFourneau,

Shaun Owens, Zack Green, and Chris Millman have volunteered to assist.

"The players will be instructing the kids on techniques such as passing, trapping, and goal procedures," said Spurlin.

Each player will man a "post" during the clinic. Stemmons will provide instruction on different kicks and passing, Owens will teach heading and juggling, LeFourneau will demonstrate trapping and executing legal throw-ins, Green will teach shooting and dribbling, and Millman will demonstrate goal keeping methods.



Golf swing Phillip James, Doug Lansdown, and Scott Fleetwood practice behind Young Gymnasium. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)



Summer is almost here

April is just around the corner, and with it comes baseball season.

I am really looking forward to summer because there are so many things to do and lots of places to go.

To me, baseball spring training is the first sign of summer. Pitchers and catchers begin throwing, infielders start working on play combinations, and the coaches begin formulating game strategies. It is like they are pulled out of the closet, dusted off, and rewound. Spring training suggests that old man winter is beginning to fade away and make room for new green grass, warm temperatures, and bikinis.

In addition to baseball, summer brings with it many other fun and exciting sports. Tennis, swimming, water skiing, canoeing, and boating are only a few. I've left a few out, but these are the most appealing to me.

Playing tennis is great because you can stand out there on the hot court, your shirt and shorts soaked with sweat, and still have fun because it's summer and you don't have to worry about wearing gloves, a scarf, or a heavy coat. You can just play underneath the warm sun.

Swimming, on the other hand, is a lot more fun. Many of us (and we know who we are) like to go down to Noel and swim in Elk River. On a nice, hot Saturday afternoon I like to pack the ice chest with sandwiches, Cokes, potato chips, and anything else I can think of. With my raft, suntan lotion, and stereo, I head toward Wayside, a resort just west of downtown Noel. I'll spend the day there, just relaxing on the rocky beach, sometimes barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs. It makes me feel refreshed. Being away from the hustle and bustle of your job and school and just taking it easy for a while can really do wonders.

Sometimes my friends and I will go to one of the resorts and rent some canoes and have the resort people take us up the river somewhere and then we float down, stopping occasionally to fish or eat lunch, and eventually we end up at the resort (but never without a sunburn and a terrible feeling of having to drive all the way home).

Camping, however, is another story. I haven't been in a while, but when I was younger I used to go virtually every weekend with my parents. We would leave our Starcraft tent trailer there all summer and just go down when we could. We had our own canoe, so I was able to paddle into the coves, or down to the dam to do a little fishing whenever I wanted.

During this time, baseball is being played all across America. Little League, the minor leagues, and the professionals are all playing and having fun, but enjoying summer.

Besides sports, there are also many other places to go.

Worlds of Fun, Branson, and Silver Dollar City are some of my favorites.

Branson is a great town. In the summer, the place is really kicking with entertainment shows. Branson also offers go-carts, museums, Table Rock Lake, and miniature golf to name a few. Driving down the "strip" (Highway 76, I think) in Branson at night is a sight to see. It looks like driving through Las Vegas. Lights burst out at you, flashing in different colors and designs. If you've been there, you know what I mean.

There is just so much I want to do in the summer, but I do not have enough time to do it.

On the bright side, though, spring break is almost upon us and we can lean back and cut loose.

Don't get discouraged because it's still a little cool outside. When summer hits, there will be lots to do and it'll go by so quickly that we'll begin to see winter clothing in the stores. What a bummer.

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